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### HIGH SCHOOL

## Field funds OK'd, but not baseball lights

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The Agawam High School athletic facility project will move forward after the City Council approved additional borrowing with new bids that came in last week.

The council did, however, defeat a resolution seeking lights

for the varsity baseball and softball fields thanks to a deadlocked vote.

On Monday night, Agawam City Councilors were asked to approve an additional \$1,435,000 of borrowing for major improvements to the Agawam High School athletic complex.

The improvements include a new stadium field with new

bleachers, a concession stand and a multi-purpose artificial turf field that would be used for football, soccer, field hockey and lacrosse. A new all-weather track will surround the new field.

Other improvements include new tennis courts and a new outdoor basketball court, new practice fields behind the stadium, and moving the varsity baseball

field to the rear of the school.

Inside the school, there will be major improvements to the locker room spaces on both sides of the building, with team rooms and updated locker rooms that will comply with Title IX. Agawam High School has been out of compliance with Title IX, the federal law mandating equal facilities for boys and girls athletics,

for 17 years.

Added to the project more recently were dugout improvements for the varsity softball field.

The new low bid was submitted by Lupachino & Sullivan Inc. of Bloomfield, Conn., for \$7,950,000. With contingency funds as well

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### STAR WARS

## A knights at the movies

*Forces of light, dark show up in costume for Agawam premiere*

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The Force reawakened last Thursday night in the Agawam Cinemas as Stormtroopers led visitors (including the occasional Jedi) to the premiere of the newest installment in the popular "Star Wars" franchise, "The Force Awakens."

Kimberly Wheeler, the Agawam resident who raised money to restore the Agawam Cinemas after it was closed down last year, described herself as a "Star Wars geek" and said she had to do something special for the debut of the new movie, the seventh in a beloved series that stretches back to 1977.

"I brought all my memorabilia to have on display for people to watch," said Wheeler. "I allowed people to bring and wear costumes if they wanted."

Some of the region's larger theaters would not allow costumes to be worn at premiere screenings, out of concerns for safety based on violent incidents in movie theaters in recent memory.

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Jeffrey Sulliverez and Bradford Devillier, 10, stand with Agawam Cinemas employee Nick Bernadis dressed as Yoda. Inset: Carlos David, 9, and Tyler Hogan, 9, show off their light sabers at the "Star Wars" premiere last Thursday at Agawam Cinemas. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

### TENNESSEE GAS

## Only 3 pipeline comments from town

*Decision on expansion still months away*

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The comment period has ended for a proposed \$87.5 million pipeline project proposed by the Tennessee Gas Pipeline through Agawam and Suffield, with only two letters on file from local residents opposing it.

The project has drawn the ire of the board of directors at the Longbrook Condominiums, located next to the pipeline's Substation 261 on Main Street near the state line.

According to residents at the 193-home condo complex, the substation and the underground gas lines that converge there — from Suffield in the south and Southwick in the west, flowing east toward Longmeadow — are hazards to the environment and quality of life.

Judith Conti, one of the three residents who filed a formal complaint, said the new project, which would add an additional 24-inch pipe alongside the pipe through Suffield, as well as a "pig" access line, used for testing, would increase the noise, smells, and disturbance coming from the abutting property in Agawam.

"An additional 24-inch line as well as the 24-inch pig line will require additional machinery needed to launch and pump gas through them," said Conti in a comment submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. "There is an increased noise and gas release factor in the form of machine noise and gas blow-offs to this project. At this time we experience blow-offs periodically, and the noise and odor are not only unpleasant and disturb-

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### HOLIDAY GIVING

## Bell, red kettle a 40-year tradition for rotary volunteer

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In nearly 40 years, the act of ringing the bell for the Salvation Army during the holiday season has not changed, David Delancey says.

The Agawam resident has been a staunch supporter of the Salvation Army since being a charter member of the Agawam Rotary Club in 1976.

After spending a year helping ring the bell at a location in Springfield the first year, the Agawam Rotary Club began holding their own collection bucket each year and donating the proceeds to the Salvation Army.

Delancey says he decided to participate on a regular basis and has rung the bell during two-hour

weekend shifts from those first years to the present day.

"I decided that I wanted to give back," he said in a November interview. "The Salvation Army is a good organization and they are able to do a lot to help people. And 90 percent of that money is put to good use. It is not stuck in administrative costs."

Delancey says Agawam assists the Springfield Salvation Army, collecting and making donations to that organization. The funds are used to help provide clothing and other necessities for the less fortunate. The Salvation Army also gives out Christmas presents to children, with help from Hasbro (formerly Milton Bradley).

The donation drive during the



David Delancey rings the Salvation Army bell outside Geissler's supermarket in Agawam last Friday. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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## Painting event to benefit Colleen float

The Agawam St. Patrick's Committee is hosting a Paint Social Art event Sunday, Jan. 10, at the American Legion Post, 478 Springfield St., Agawam starting at 2 p.m. Paint Social Art mixes cocktails and creativity into a fun night out with friends.

Participants will paint on wine glasses with proceeds to benefit the Colleen float. The cost is \$35 per person.

For reservations and information, contact Diane Pirnie at 413-786-9341 or register online at [www.paintsocialart.com](http://www.paintsocialart.com).

## AHS principal offered supt. post in Granby

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The School Committee in Granby, Mass., last week agreed to offer the job of superintendent to Steven Lemanski, the current principal of Agawam High School, as the candidate members saw as the best choice to address the financial, cultural and communications needs of the district.

The committee was scheduled to meet with Lemanski on Dec. 21 to negotiate a contract for the position. A salary range of \$120,000 to \$130,000 had been set by the committee. If an agreement is reached, Lemanski would begin work there on July 1.

Lemanski has been at AHS since 2004, as principal since 2007. He grew up in Chicopee and lives in South Hadley, both of which border Granby. Earlier this month, he said leaving Agawam would be a difficult decision to make.

Granby School Committee Chairman Emre Evren praised the qualifications all three finalists, who also included Sheryl Stanton, assistant superintendent in Southbridge, and Jennifer Chapin, a principal and administrator in Hatfield.

Members of the committee visited all three districts this month to interview the finalists and their coworkers.

"One thing that stuck out for us was the comments we were hearing about the [Lemanski's] collaboration with the members of the school com-

munity, his connection with the students, some of the creative ways he was able to implement goals of the school district, his skill as an active listener and someone who has ability to hear both sides of the story and make decisions," Evren said.

He said he believes Lemanski could bring a "culture of openness" to Granby, connecting the schools with the town at large. He also said committee members were impressed at Lemanski's skills in resolving conflict.

"He is an active listener and explains the why," said Evren. "He actually explains things in a way that he gets you to do those things because you understand why he is asking you the question."

Lemanski was the choice of four of the five committee members, with member Jim Pietras supporting Stanton on the first ballot. A second ballot made the choice unanimous.

Lemanski was a recreation supervisor for the Massachusetts Department of Youth Services 1985-1995, a health and physical education teacher in the Chicopee public schools 1995-1996; mediation coordinator in Chicopee High School 1997-98; department supervisor at Chicopee Comprehensive High School 1998-2001 and 2003-2004; athletic director of Chicopee schools 2001-2003; assistant principal at Agawam High School 2004-2007; and principal of AHS since then. He is a graduate of Chicopee High School, Springfield College and UMass-Amherst, where he attained a master's degree in education.



Steven Lemanski

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## New firefighter sworn in



A swearing-in ceremony was held Wednesday, Dec. 16, at Town Hall for Paul Novinsky, paramedic-firefighter. From left are Town Clerk Richard Theroux, Fire Chief Alan Sirois, Novinsky and Mayor Richard Cohen. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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# Consensus building for kindergarten, pre-K school

*Administrators anxious to replace crowded, outdated Perry Lane preschool with modern facility*

By Mike Lydick  
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Agawam is one of the few communities with a separate building for preschoolers. That could change if pre-K classes are combined with kindergarten classes from the four elementary schools in a new structure.

The Early Childhood Center on Perry Lane, built in 1994, was designed as a temporary preschool facility. More than 20 years later, despite an addition in 2000, it's so overcrowded that some preschoolers were moved to Granger and Clark elementary schools three years ago.

Now an 11-member Feasibility Study Committee that includes the superintendent, the director of the Early Childhood Center, School Committee members, and city councilors is focusing on building a new center. The committee was originally created several years ago to study the need for a new high school and recently worked

to get approval for renovating the high school track and sports fields.

The committee authorized hiring Habeeb & Associates, a Norwell, Mass., architectural firm, to conduct a feasibility study and cost analysis for a new center. Architect Steve Habeeb and Jack Shea, an educational planner, met with the committee on Dec. 8.

Superintendent William Sapelli said most communities incorporate pre-K classes with kindergarten and grade 1 or grade 2 classes in one school building. Habeeb added that some districts have had success in getting approval from the Massachusetts State Building Authority — a branch of state government that gives grants for construction projects — to build schools that combine pre-K and kindergarten classes.

## Many benefits

Having one structure for preschoolers and kindergarteners would alleviate cramped conditions at Perry Lane and at Clark and Granger schools.

Science, music and art teachers in the elementary schools have moved out of their classrooms to make room for preschoolers. They now put teaching materials on carts and move from classroom to classroom. Elementary special education teachers — who use space in gyms or cafeterias — need more appropriate areas.

"It's just not a good situation right now," said Sapelli.

A standalone ECC also would create opportunities for preschoolers to integrate with children in other grades and allow collaboration among kindergarten and early childhood teachers.

"This would solve the issue of having ECC students and teachers out there all on their own," said Sapelli.

Elementary school principals told the committee they had discussed with teachers the concept of one building for preschoolers and kindergarteners. The prospect of combining the classes received a positive reaction, especially from kindergarten teachers.

Robinson Park Principal Cynthia Palazzi said her kindergarten teachers are "all for it." She added that they saw many advantages to putting the students under one roof with age-appropriate facilities built specifically for the children's needs.

"The teachers were thrilled — they don't



Preschoolers practice singing in a classroom at the Granger School where some pre-K students moved because of overcrowding at the Early Childhood Center. A new ECC is being considered that would put preschoolers and kindergarteners together in one building.

see any negatives at all," added Palazzi. She said space is so tight at her school that some special education teachers are sharing a converted coat closet.

Nicole Colbert said teachers at Phelps School saw "huge benefits" to combining pre-K and kindergarten students. "It will be especially beneficial to special education students," the principal said.

## Blight property eyed

There were plans several years ago to include early childhood classrooms in a new high school, but three requests to the state for financial assistance to build it were denied. Land in front of the junior high school also has been under consideration as a location for a new Early Childhood Center.

Blighted property on Mill Street, just up the road from the high school, however, may offer the best potential site for a new center. Five acres of flat ground that extends to Route 57 would provide enough land for the ECC building as well as for parking and a playground.

The Mill Street location is also close enough to the high school so that students who want to do internships in early childhood education could walk to it. The property's owners have indicated they might be willing to sell the town their land and the two structures on it for about \$300,000.

Acquiring the land would be the first step in what could be a long process to build a new center at an estimated cost of \$8 million to \$12 million. MSBA would fund from 31 percent to 80 percent of school construction and renovation projects, but Habeeb said that approach could take up to five years. Committee members expressed concern that could be too long, given the current overcrowding.

If the School Committee and City Council approved town funds for a new center, it likely could be built sooner. Although the construction could be funded by bonding, the town can only bond \$10 million per year.

The committee raised the possibility of a special "side tax" specifically to fund the new center. Implemented in other communities, the special tax would be eliminated once the building's construction costs were paid.

"There's a definite need," said Councilor Robert Rossi. "It should have been done years ago. Now we're faced with the dilemma that we have to do something."

Rossi added that the town has "let things go and go and go and go, and everything backs up." He said the town "can't afford" to sit back and wait on a new Early Childhood Center.



Overcrowded conditions at the Early Childhood Center at Perry Lane Park have forced teachers to move preschool motor skills practice into the hallways. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

## Patsy Cline dinner theater trip in Feb.

St. John's Travelers will sponsor a bus trip Thursday, Feb. 23, to the Westchester Broadway Dinner Theater for a showing of "Always Patsy Cline." The show is based on a true story about Patsy Cline's friendship with a fan from Houston named Louise Seger, who befriended the star in a Texas honky-tonk in 1961. This crowd-pleasing musical features 27 classic songs and some audience participation.

The bus will depart from Agawam at 8 a.m. for the theater in Elmsford, N.Y., and will return at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$104 per person. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due at sign-up with final payment due Jan. 11.

For reservations, call Emile Cote at 413-335-9440.

## Zone change OK'd for duplexes on Springfield St.

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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The Agawam City Council narrowly passed a zone change earlier this month so a developer can install three two-family homes on Springfield Street.

Aziz Elias is proposing to build duplexes on a two-acre parcel at 1004 Springfield St., in land that was previously zoned Business A, in the front, and Agricultural in the rear. It will now be zoned Residence A-3 throughout.

The council's Legislative Subcommittee struggled with the recommendation on Dec. 7, because the zoning would allow a future landowner to build up to 16 housing units on the site. Elias is requesting to build only three buildings, said John Macik, an architect with R. Levesque Associates.

Councilor Gina Letellier said she was worried about what would happen if Elias sold the property and the new owner chose to expand the housing to include more duplexes.

"But I want to believe Mr. Elias at his word that he will only build the three and that will be it," said Letellier.

Macik said Elias plans to continue to own the duplexes once they are built, and rent them out.

Councilor Robert Rossi shared the concerns of Letellier, saying he did not want to see 16 units to be installed on the property, but said he did some research prior to the meeting.

"I have seen other work that has been done by Mr. Elias and I believe he will do what he says he is going to do and I feel better about approving the zone change," said Rossi.

Letellier also said she had some concerns with a precedent the City Council would be setting by engaging in spot zoning, the illegal practice of re-zoning individual parcels for specific projects, rather than considering the overall best land uses in entire neighborhoods at a time.

"The rest of the road is made the same way, with the business zone on the front of

the properties," said Letellier.

The split property zones along Springfield Street, have been the source of controversy in the past with one resident, Alan Griffin, who was trying to raise goats on the rear section of his property because it was zoned Agricultural. Griffin passed away last year from cancer. His goats were eventually removed from the property after neighbor complaints.

Legislative Subcommittee Chairman Councilor James Cichetti said in his meeting there were concerns regarding how many units and the spot zoning issues, but no major issues with the intention of the proposal, and the subcommittee voted 4-0 to recommend the zone change.

The zone change was approved by council 9-1, with one abstention. Eight votes are required for a zone change. Council President Christopher Johnson voted against the change and Councilor Cecilia Calabrese abstained.

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# Opinion

## OUR VIEW

### Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

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Dear editor:

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in THE SUN it's so.' Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon, 115 W. 95th St.

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

From the staff of the Agawam Advertiser News, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



## YESTERDAY'S HOMETOWN NEWS

### Miss Miller to Larry Scherpa (Part I)

The AHS Class of 1937 named their yearbook "Chronicles ... 1937" and their class motto was "Not the end but the beginning." The Depression was over. The 75 graduates had no idea that it wouldn't be long before they would have to help save our country.

Benjamin Phelps was the superintendent of schools and F. Earl Williams was the principal. Faculty members at the Main Street Junior-Senior High School included George Reynolds, Dorothy Hastings, Paul Langlois, Eleanor Smith, Marjorie Ward, Harmon Smith, Eleanor Miller and Fred Dacey and Ray Harris, two men who would later be the principal.

The Class of '37 had some members you might remember or recognize: Lino

Schinelli was the class president and voted Best All-round Boy by his classmates, Agnes Swanson was class vice president and voted Most Popular Girl, William Walsh, Abbie Abrams, Agnes Arnold, Margaret Atwater, Angelo Cimaroli, Arthur Cirillo, Albert Davis, Eva Gallano, Ruth Kerr, Woodrow Roberts, Domit Shaer and George Webster.

Another '37 was Larry Scherpa, born in 1918 to Augusto and Louisa Scherpa, two immigrants from Italy living on Spring Street in North Agawam. At AHS, Larry lettered in football and was captain of the basketball team. In 1941 Larry married Angela Mediaville, whom he had met at a dance sponsored by our fire department. He worked at the Springfield Armory until January of 1943 when he was inducted into the U.S. Army.

After his basic training at Fort Devens, Larry was assigned to the 486th Anti-Aircraft Battalion stationed at Camp Davis in North Carolina. The battalion soon moved to Louisiana and then to Texas.

At some point in 1943, he wrote home to Eleanor Miller, one of his AHS teachers. Miss Miller wrote back to Larry on Sept. 29 and here are her first two sentences: "What a nice letter you wrote me and how pleased I was to hear from you! I am sure I don't deserve those kind things you said about me but I enjoyed hearing them just the same." The first line of Miss Miller's next paragraph is priceless: "I think you boys in the service are such wonderful sports. ..." Surely she knew that Larry might never return but she downplayed the gravity of our troubled world, telling Larry, "It's safe

in your hands."

Miss Miller told Larry about a visit she had by Angelo Amaroli, who was home on leave. School was "much the same" and Mr. Smith was expecting a good football team. Miss Phelan and Mr. Hadley had married during the summer. Miss Ward and Miss Smith haven't changed a bit and she herself had moved to an apartment on Belmont Avenue in Springfield.

During the summer of '43, Miss Miller felt she should do some kind of war work, so she worked at her brother-in-law's farm, learning to feed the pigs and to drive the truck. Like the rest of our country, Miss Miller did what she could to help. Eleanor's last paragraph must have inspired Larry to write again: "I'm sure I've rambled on far too long. If you have time I'd enjoy hearing from you again." Her reply to Larry can be seen at our library reference desk.

Walt Willard went to AHS and taught math there for 16 years. He can be reached at 413-786-7924. Call him. Walt loves your feedback and any and all information or tidbits you can offer.



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## FAITH MATTERS

## Christmas lights in all of us

At this time of year, it's fun to drive around and see some of the Christmas displays — Christmas lights out and about in our local communities. I like the white lights best, and I also enjoy the simple beauty of candlelight at a church service or in a home. Light such as this offers a comforting presence and a sense of peace amidst the darkness all around us physically and spiritually.

A scripture often read during the Christmas season (Isaiah 9:1-7) says, "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned." Christians read this as a prophecy about Jesus coming to overcome "darkness" metaphorically, but connection to the land was also intended.

Isaiah spoke of new hope to come in his own day for the war-torn regions of Galilee. Specifically, this was an area between Israel and Syria. In the days of Isaiah, this area was regularly ravaged by war. Not much has changed today, has it?

Jesus spent much of his ministry in Galilee, in this land of "deep darkness," as Isaiah described it. It allowed the light of the coming kingdom of God to shine first and brightest there. These people needed the light. Sometimes, having to walk in the darkness makes us less likely to miss the coming of the light. Light overcomes the darkness, physically and spiritually. That light shining in the darkness is the true Christmas light which we seek to see and seek to be. We are the light of the world and the Christmas season celebrates the fact that light overcomes darkness. The light of Christ calls us all forward, giving witness and power to a way of life that stands in stark contrast to a world living in darkness. From the beginning, we are



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called to be lights to the world. We are the Christmas lights. None of this means a thing unless we offer hope and peace and joy and love to other human beings. Faith without works is dead. We are to bring light to the world, even when times are tough, even in the darkest of times. We are all called to let our lights shine.

Living in this world, as so many events in the news have reminded us, often brings us into contact with darkness, on a personal or a collective level. Even still, we need to let the light of Christ shine in us and through us in order for us to stand firm in witness here and now against the forces of darkness. We need a change of heart that allows us to confront and overcome the darkness and evil in our lives and times. Sometimes having to walk in the darkness makes us less likely to miss the coming of the light. The light has come. Christmas is here. God is here.

Unless our very beings are directed towards bringing the light to a world in darkness, then the season of Christmas is meaningless. In fact, life itself becomes meaningless. We are to be Christmas lights all year round! As we learn to trust God and his way, letting the light of Christ shine in and through us, putting our faith into action in whatever way we can, large or small, we allow ourselves and others to catch glimpses more and more of how God truly is here with us. God comes into our lives again and again, God becomes incarnate, becomes flesh through us and through other people responding as children of the light. We are the Christmas lights. Amen!

*Ken Blanchard is the pastor of United Methodist Church on Mill Street.*

## Museums hosting 'Week of Wonder'

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield Museums have announced their slate of activities for the upcoming holiday vacation week. Visitors can enjoy a combination of fun activities, planetarium shows, and performances by some of the region's best family performers, as well as the popular "Seussian Holiday" gingerbread exhibit at the Springfield Science Museum.

"Week of Wonder" events kick off on Saturday, Dec. 26, with all four Springfield Museums open regular hours, plus activities at the Hasbro Games Art Discovery Center and shows at the Seymour Planetarium. On Sunday, Dec. 27, the activities and events shift into high gear with a lively interactive performance by Otha Day titled, "Drum to the Beat" from 2 to 3 p.m. in SIS Hall, Wood Museum of Springfield History.

Performances on subsequent days will include:

**Monday, Dec. 28,** 11 a.m.: Magician Scott Jameson (Davis Auditorium, D'Amour Museum). Marvel as umbrellas are plucked from thin air, drawings are brought to life, and basketballs are juggled. The show even includes a trip through time.

**Tuesday, Dec. 29,** 11 a.m.: Toe Jam Puppet Band performs "Toe Jam in Outer Space" (Davis Auditorium, D'Amour Museum). TJPB's show includes a spacey dress-up puppet show, some crazy anti-gravity

dancing, and original songs from their CD, "Toe Jam in Outer Space!"

**Wednesday, Dec. 30, 11 a.m.:** "Interactive Comedy Magic and Juggling." Join Robert Clarke for a charming and hysterical show featuring slight of hand, gravity-defying tricks, and comedy.

The following activities are also scheduled: Seymour Planetarium shows at 11:15, noon, 1 and 2 p.m., Science Museum; Art Discovery Center, noon to 4 p.m., GWVS Art Museum; art activities (Dec. 27-30 only), 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Science Museum, science workshop; Family Science Adventures (Dec. 27-30 only), 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Science Museum

"Week of Wonder" is part of the Museums' Family Fun series. MassMutual is the 2015-16 Premier Sponsor of the Springfield Museums.

Admission is \$18 for adults, \$12 for seniors and college students, \$9.50 for children 3 to 17, and free for children under three and museum members. General admission is free for Springfield residents with proof of address. Regular hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Museums are also open Monday, Dec. 29, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 413-263-6800, ext. 489, or visit [springfieldmuseums.org](http://springfieldmuseums.org).

## Recycling dos, don'ts for holiday season

Tracy DeMaio, the town's solid waste and stormwater coordinator, recently asked residents of Agawam to be mindful of the following guidelines for recycling during the holiday and winter months.

The following items may be included in the paper recycling mix for curbside pickup in Agawam: corrugated cardboard; boxes; paperboard gift boxes; greeting cards (except those with foil, metallic inks or glitter); gift wrap, gift bags; tissue wrap (except those with foil, metallic inks or glitter); paper shopping bags (any type of handle is okay); catalogs and calendars.

The following items should not be included in the recycling mix: ribbons, bows, tinsel, and mylar wrapping paper; packing peanuts and Styrofoam (re-usable, contact any pack and ship store); holiday lights; blister packaging (formed plastic package used to hold toys and electronics); plastic bags (clean, dry plastic bags marked No. 2 or No. 4 recyclable at some retailers); photographs.

For more information about recycling, visit at [www.springfieldmrf.org](http://www.springfieldmrf.org), or call the Recycling Hotline at 888-888-0784, ext. 2293.



Agawam St. Patrick's Committee award winners for 2016, from left, John McCarthy, parade marshal; Nicole Bertera, Anne Sullivan Award winner; and David Cecchi, Citizenship Award winner. SUBMITTED PHOTO

## St. Pat award winners, marshal named

The Agawam St. Patrick's Committee has announced the names of the 2016 parade marshal and the recipients of the Anne Sullivan Award and the Citizenship Award.

John McCarthy was named parade marshal. The owner of McCarthy Liquors on Main Street in Agawam, his great-grandparents immigrated to the United States from County Kerry, Ireland. He and his wife of 39 years are the parents of Jennifer McCarthy Ingham and John McCarthy. They have four grandchildren. McCarthy, who has supported the Lions Club, Rays of Hope, Team Alex and the Agawam Dog Park, will lead the committee and Colleen float in the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Nicole Bertera, the assistant manager for Berkshire Bank on Suffield Street in Agawam, was named the Anne Sullivan Award winner. This award is given to a female member of the committee who epitomizes the values represented by Anne Sullivan. Bertera was born in Springfield and was the Springfield Colleen in 2007. She has assisted the Agawam committee for the past three years as treasurer and co-chairman of the Colleen committee. She traces her Irish

heritage back to her grandparents, who came from County Kerry and County Cork. Bertera has been a volunteer for Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Hampden County as well as the Rays of Hope and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

The Citizenship Award, presented to a member of the community that has made substantial contributions to the committee, was presented to David Cecchi. A lifelong resident of Agawam, Cecchi spent his early childhood on his family's Feeding Hills farm and is a 1982 graduate of Agawam High School. He was the youngest person elected to the Agawam School Committee and was a member of the committee that raised funds for the Anne Sullivan sculpture located in Feeding Hills Center. A graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, Cecchi operates his own graphic design firm, "Cecco." He is a four-term president of the Advertising Club of Western Massachusetts and a trustee of the Order of William Pynchon.

McCarthy, Bertera and Cecchi will be part of the Agawam Division of the 2016 Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade, to be held March 20 on the streets of Holyoke.

## Congregational Church news, upcoming events

The public is invited to attend the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., "a place to call home — a people to call family." Worship service is at 10 a.m. Sunday mornings with a children's message, church school and fellowship and coffee hour following. Playgroup meets Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and is open to the public. It follows the Agawam Public Schools schedule.

**Sunday, Jan. 3:** Epiphany Family Communion Worship Service and coffee hour.

**Sunday, Jan. 10:** Worship service, church school and coffee fellowship hour. Youth group meets tonight.

**Saturday, Jan. 16:** 7:30 a.m., Men's Ministry meeting at Bobbie J's. 5:30 p.m., pork supper.

**Sunday, Jan. 17:** 10 a.m., Worship service, church school and coffee hour. Faithful Friends and the new ministry G3 begins today.

**Monday, Jan. 18:** Church office closed for holiday. 4 p.m., Loaves & Fishes.

**Wednesday, Jan. 20:** 7 p.m., Bible Study

with Pastor Greg Dawson.

**Sunday, Jan. 24:** 10 a.m., Worship service, no church school, coffee hour. Annual report on display today. Youth groups meets tonight.

**Monday, Jan. 25:** 7 p.m., Women's Ministry meeting.

**Wednesday, Jan. 27:** 9 a.m., Newsletter collation.

**Sunday, Jan. 31:** 10 a.m., Worship service, church school, coffee hour. 4 p.m., all are invited to the special installation service of Rev. Dr. Gregory E. Dawson as pastor of Agawam Congregational Church.

Pastor Greg E. Dawson is available for prayer after the service. The church offers many programs, special family activities, trips, picnics and more. Newcomers are welcome and members of the community are invited to participate in all church events. For more information, call the church office at 413-786-7111. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until noon.

## Eat Monday to benefit AHS hockey

"Give Back Monday" at EB's on Monday, Dec. 28, will benefit the Agawam High School hockey teams. Ten percent of the day's total sales, open to close, dine-in, take-out or delivery, will be donated to the junior varsity and varsity teams to help with expenses. Alcohol sales are excluded.

EB's is at 385 Walnut Street Ext., Agawam, and is open on Mondays from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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ing, but are alarming and unhealthy, and at times we are not given notice of planned blow-off events.”

Based on information acquired through the FERC website, Agawam residents Marjorie Weiselberg and Constance Marini were the only others to submit comments prior to the Nov. 23 deadline.

Marini, another Longbrook resident, said the homeowners will be directly impacted by the project.

“There is a noise factor,” she said. “As well as way too much fuel being passed under and near our numerous homes, which is way too close for comfort. The fact is, this point was made some years ago when Tennessee Gas wanted to expand. Disruption of the fragile wetlands and brook which runs through our common areas is destructive and can never truly be return to normal once it’s done.”

Weiselberg also expressed her opposition to the project, reiterating many of the reasons given by Marini and Conti, both her neighbors in Longbrook.

“We have not been given assurances that the company will take full responsibility and swift actions for any property destruction or health issues as a result of their operation,” she said.

The Agawam-Suffield project is being considered as part of a massive upgrading and expansion of the natural gas pipeline infrastructure throughout Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York. There were several comments submitted about other aspects of the multi-state project, including a controversial new pipeline across northern Massachusetts. The project was submitted to FERC for approval on July 31, 2014, by Kinder Morgan, the parent company of Tennessee Gas.

The proposed improvements for the compressor station in Agawam include: “installing a new bi-directional pig launcher/receiver, a pig launcher/receiver valve, miscellaneous station piping, valves, fittings, and insertion meter to interconnect the new 24-inch Connecticut Loop into the station piping. All of the modification work

at the existing Agawam Compressor Station will be performed within the existing compressor station fence line.”

The application states all work will be within the existing property owned by Kinder Morgan, and will not require any additional easements in Agawam. According to officials in Suffield, the company is still working on acquiring easements it will require along the pipeline route in Connecticut.

Kinder Morgan spokesman Richard Wheatley said the comments regarding the project have been received by the company and FERC, but said it is too early in the process to respond to them.

“There have been a lot of materials submitted regarding the project and it is still very early,” he said. “There is not going to be a decision made until some time in 2016.”

Tamara Young-Allen, spokesman for FERC, confirmed a decision will not be made until sometime in 2016. She said a decision will be made by FERC, which currently has a vacant seat. Vacant seats on FERC are filled by a presidential appointment, subject to confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

“It is a five-member board that will make the decision,” she said. “There is current[ly] one vacant seat that is waiting to be filled and no specific schedule for a decision is available.”

She said motions to intervene are due by Jan. 6, 2016. A motion to intervene can be filed by someone who wishes to make a formal stand as a “party” to the proceeding.

The town of Agawam, which does not have any jurisdiction in the project, has not submitted any comments to the FERC.

“We do get updates on the project periodically,” said Planning and Community Development Director Marc Strange. “But the town has not made any comments about the project.”

Suffield’s Planning Department also has not submitted any comments to FERC. There were no resident comments from Suffield submitted during the comment period.



The natural gas pipeline runs through here in Suffield, across Hickory Street. Warning poles like this show the pipeline's path.



Kinder Morgan, which owns the Tennessee Gas Pipeline, is seeking major improvements and an expansion of their pipeline. The pipeline runs south to north through Suffield, Conn., through here to the Agawam Substation 261 on Main Street near the state line. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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as design fees, the total amount of funding needed for the project is about \$9.2 million, Council President Christopher Johnson said.

The town of Agawam will bond about \$8.1 million of the project cost and will use \$1,035,000 in Community Preservation Act funds.

Earlier this year, the council approved bonding \$6,750,000, but the bids submitted in May were over the budget the town had set. The lowest bid was about \$61,000 over the original project budget, but that bid was withdrawn. After a second bid was withdrawn, the town was left with an \$8.8 million bid. The town turned down the bid. It was decided the town would re-bid the project late in the year when contractors were scheduling work for the following year.

“We felt we could get more competitive bids at that point,” said Chief Procurement Officer Jennifer Bonfiglio.

When the first bids went out, they did not include some improvements to the varsity softball field. Lupachino & Sullivan does include those improvements, Bonfiglio said.

Johnson said he fully supported improving the athletic facilities, but warned his fellow councilors and the public that approving the project will have an adverse effect on building an Early Childhood Center in town.

“There is no way the town will be able to afford both projects,” Johnson said. “It will take several years before other projects come off the books. There will also be debt service on this project that will result in a significant tax increase in a couple of years.”

Despite the reservations, councilors agreed the project is much needed, as the athletic facilities are in very poor condi-

tion, especially the track. Agawam cannot currently hold home meets on the track.

Councilors supported the additional borrowing unanimously, 10-0. Councilor Gina Letellier was absent from the meeting.

The baseball and softball lights, which would have been paid for purely by CPA funds, were turned down when the council voted 5-5 on the project.

Councilors voting against the lights cited issues raised at last week’s Community Relations and Finance subcommittee meetings. Johnson said he did not support spending \$388,000 on lights that would only be used for a few games a year.

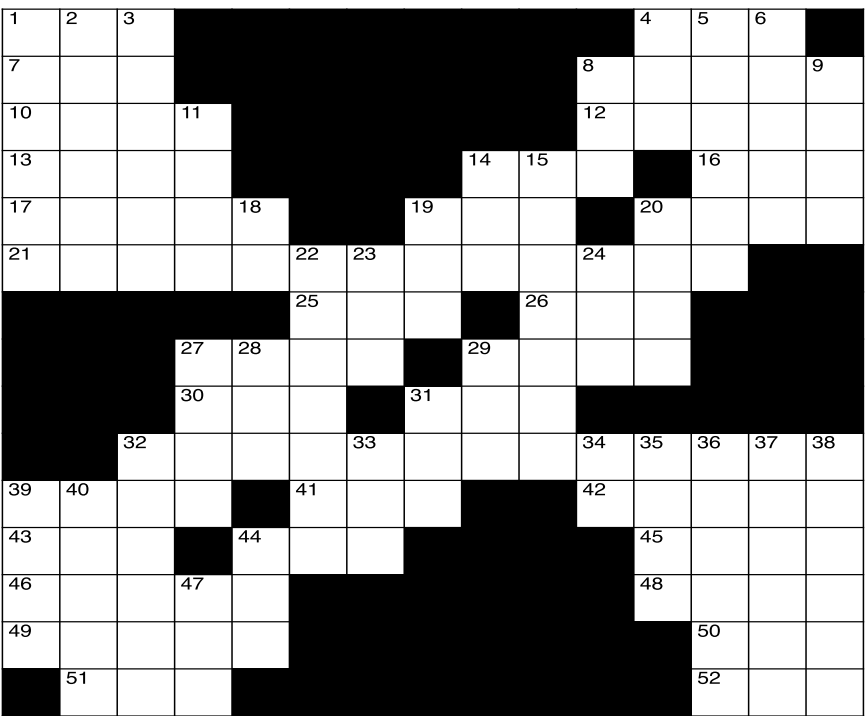
Supporters believed it was important to have lights for the fields because some working parents and relatives cannot make it to games that are played in the afternoon.

Johnson, James Cichetti, Cecilia Calabrese, Paul Cavallo, and Anthony Sufriti voted against the lights while Councilor George Bitzas, Robert Rossi, Donald Rheault, Dennis Perry, and Joseph Mineo voted in favor.

Bitzas made a motion to meet as a committee of the whole to allow further comment from proponents for the lights to understand the benefit as well as why the CPA Committee was in support, but his motion was turned down 7-3.

“I was really disappointed my motion failed because I felt we should have heard from the CPA and others to talk about why the lights were needed,” said Bitzas.

With the borrowing approved, the project will be going forward in the spring. Mayor Richard Cohen will have to work out a formal contract with the winning bidder. Spring games will be moved off-site while construction is performed. The new artificial turf field is expected to be ready for the next school year and the beginning of football season.



- CLUES ACROSS**

  - 1. Teletype (Computers)
  - 4. Loose-fitting sleeveless garment
  - 7. They \_\_
  - 8. Extinct Turkish caucasian language
  - 10. Tall N Zealand timber tree
  - 12. Piedmont city on the River Gesso
  - 13. Burl \_\_, storyteller
  - 14. Made up of 50 states
  - 16. Not or
  - 17. Given a monetary penalty
  - 19. Unnilpentium
  - 20. ISU town
  - 21. Equality for everyone
- CLUES DOWN**

  - 1. Duty
  - 2. Whatchamacallit
  - 3. A citizen of Yemen
  - 4. \_\_ Dhabi, Arabian capital
  - 5. Nickname
  - 6. One seeded fruit (alt. sp.)
  - 8. Fiddler crabs
  - 9. Troughs of bricks
  - 11. Exploiter
  - 14. Atomic #104
  - 15. Italian ice-cream
  - 18. Algerian dinar
  - 19. Consume
  - 20. Macaws
  - 22. Insignificantly
- 25. A lyric poem with complex stanza forms
  - 26. Actress Farrow
  - 27. Scottish caps
  - 29. Gobblers
  - 30. \_\_ Lilly, drug company
  - 31. Process an animal hide
  - 32. Describe in perfect detail
  - 39. 1000 calories
  - 41. American National Bank (abbr.)
  - 42. MN 55121
  - 43. Everyone
  - 44. Substitute
  - 45. Rubber, marching or head
  - 46. Dance Latin rhythm
  - 48. Inside of
  - 49. A way to let know
- 50. Morning moisture
  - 51. Point midway between S and SE
  - 52. Sales messages
- 23. Tooth caregiver
  - 24. Direct toward
  - 27. Bluish green
  - 28. Caliph
  - 29. Faucet
  - 31. The bill in a restaurant
  - 32. Capital of Tocantins, Brazil
  - 33. Explosive
  - 34. The most abundant of the rare-earth group
  - 35. Japanese sock
  - 36. Kampala is the capital
  - 37. Raged
  - 38. Provides with property
  - 39. Miniature racing vehicle
  - 40. Signs
  - 44. Express pleasure
  - 47. Bridge-building degree



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# Public Safety

## FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 66 EMS calls from Dec. 8 to Dec. 14, and the following emergency response calls.

On Dec. 8 at 2:22 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for gas leak (natural gas or LPG).

On Dec. 8 at 4:12 p.m., the department responded to Autumn Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On Dec. 8 at 8:35 p.m., the department responded to Broz Terrace for good intent call, other.

On Dec. 9 at 9:14 a.m., the department responded to Meadow Street for smoke or odor removal.

On Dec. 9 at 11:12 a.m., the department responded to Springfield Street, was dispatched and canceled en route.

On Dec. 9 at 11:56 a.m., the department responded to Sterling Road, was dispatched and canceled en route.

On Dec. 9 at 3:55 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for service call, other.

On Dec. 10 at 4:22 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for good intent call, other.

On Dec. 10 at 10:24 p.m., the department responded to Blairs Hill Road for steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke.

On Dec. 11 at 12:16 a.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for extinguishing system activation.

On Dec. 11 at 3:54 a.m., the department responded

to Springfield Street for alarm system activation, no fire — unintentional.

On Dec. 11 at 2:36 p.m., the department responded to Bowles Road for alarm system activation, no fire — unintentional.

On Dec. 12 at 3:48 p.m., the department responded to South Street for service call, other.

On Dec. 13 at 9:18 a.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for good intent call, other.

On Dec. 13 at 7:02 p.m., the department responded to Norman Terrace to assist invalid.

On Dec. 14 at 8:02 p.m., the department responded to arcing, shorted electrical equipment.

## POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 268 calls for service from Dec. 15 to Dec. 20. The department recorded one arrest in its public log. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

### Wednesday, Dec. 16

Glenna L. Drewnowski, 43, of 1176 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, was arrested on a charge of receiving stolen property over \$250.

## DELANCEY ■ from page 1

holiday season is one of the hallmark traditions of the Salvation Army, and Delancey says the bell-ringing is something he looks forward to, as well as people who pass through the doors of places like Stop & Shop and Geissler's supermarkets.

"People come to expect us to be there," he said. "A lot of them look forward to it."

Delancey said he is amazed every time he is out there by the generosity of people, and most importantly, the ones who do not want to be recognized for it.

"We have had a lot of people make some very sizable donations over the years," said Delancey. "But we do not find out who because most people will fold up the money so we cannot see it when they drop it in. We find out later when we are counting it."

Delancey says he has had other encounters with more elderly residents, who make donations as a true means of giving back.

"Some folks would come up to me and said the Salvation Army helped them out before," said Delancey. "And so they make donations because they are grateful for the help they received."

Members of the Agawam Rotary Club join Delancey each year. The Rotary and its volunteers spend two weekends at the Stop & Shop in Feeding Hills and one weekend at Geissler's. At Stop & Shop, volunteers work

both doors. Their equipment hasn't changed in four decades — it's still the familiar red donation pail hanging from a red tripod. "If it is not broke, don't fix it," Delancey says.

Delancey says his favorite part of the time he spends outside is watching the joy on children's faces when they are given money to donate by their parents.

"It's wonderful, because they are getting the chance to learn early about giving back," said Delancey. "And when they have change, they hear that metal on metal when they drop it in the bucket and it makes them so happy."

The positives have definitely far outweighed the negatives in 40 years. Unlike others who ask or even hound shoppers for donations, Salvation Army bell-ringers say nothing, other than a "thank you" for the donations. They simply ring the bell. In 40 years, Delancey says he has had no problems with grocery store patrons.

"I am fortunate to say we have had no issues," he said. "I really think our cheer helps bring people cheer as they pass us."

In addition to Rotarians and their families, Delancey says the Agawam High School girls basketball team helps out ringing the bell.

## MOVIE ■ from page 1

Wheeler worked around that, calling "Star Wars" a big deal. She hired additional security and patrons were accepting of having their bags and belongings checked so they could enjoy being a part of a fun event.

Wheeler sold tickets online in advance of the premiere. Her 225-seat auditorium was sold out for an 8 p.m. showing. A second showing at 11:15 p.m. was nearly sold out, with even high school students lining up for the late show.

"I came here with a big group of my friends to see this premiere," said Tom Cabibbo. "I grew up watching 'Star Wars' and I am really excited about getting to see the newest one right here in town. It's great and it's not too far away."

Cabibbo was joined by about 20 other Agawam High School students.

"When we found out it was playing here, we went online and ordered tickets immediately," said Brendan Garvey.

City Councilor Cecilia Calabrese was also in attendance at the late showing, recalling her fond memories of "Star Wars" in the movie theaters.

"I was a senior in high school and I worked at a movie theater in Danbury, Conn.," she said. "My last day of work was

the premiere of the original 'Star Wars' movie."

She was joined by her two college-aged children to see the newest film.

Wheeler said just about every patron to her theater had a story about their "Star Wars" experiences and the group in the theater become one, united with "the Force."

"They become united because they have this love for 'Star Wars' in common," said Wheeler. "It is really great and everyone had such a wonderful time."

The 501st Legion Stormtroopers, a group of costumed "Star Wars" enthusiasts with nearly authentic gear matching the armor and equipment used by troops of the Galactic Empire in the films, added to the fun.

Wheeler said the group asked to attend the Agawam premiere after being told that Rave Cinemas in West Springfield would not allow them there in costume.

"They were a lot of fun," she said. "They were there to enjoy the movie and take photos with the patrons."

"Star Wars: The Force Awakens" will be playing in at least one theater for the next few weeks. It is expected to break box office records.



Several Agawam High School students came out to enjoy the new movie.



Stormtroopers from the 501st Legion interact with movie patrons in the theater prior to the second showing of "Star Wars: The Force Awakens."



Aiden Kane, 10, poses with a Stormtrooper from the New England Garrison of the 501st Legion, a fan-based costume and charity organization. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIPELLI



Brandon Basile, dressed as a Jedi knight, clashes with a Stormtrooper.

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# Youth

## Agawam High School Counseling bulletin

### College acceptances

Megan Carlin — Salem State University; Matt Clarke — Quinnipiac University; Kayla Crean — University of New Haven; Daphne Gauthier — Elms College; Christopher Newton — Western New England University; Samantha Swistak — Elmira College.

### Special interest programs

FAFSA Day 2016 is a non-profit, volunteer-driven program providing free assistance to students seeking to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. For anyone attending college in the fall of 2016, this is an opportunity not to miss. The event will be offered at Springfield Technical Community College on Jan. 31 at 1 p.m., Holyoke Community College on Feb. 21 at 1 p.m., and Amherst-Pelham Regional High School on Jan. 28. Families can learn more and register at <http://fafsaday.org>

Jr. Tech Inc., a Massachusetts-based non-profit that has delivered experiential STEM education programs in Massachusetts for the past 10 years, is offering Girls STEM Summit on Sunday, April 10, at Regis College in Weston. The focus is on girls in grades 8-12 who are interested in or curious about careers in the STEM fields. The registration fee is \$55 per student and includes all speakers, hands-on sessions, lunch and snacks, giveaways and a take home gift. Call 617-512-1794 with any questions.

Springfield Technical Community College is again offering the chance for current juniors and seniors to take up to one free course in the spring and summer semesters through the College Now program. This is a great way to earn college credits while in high school while trying courses that may be helpful in exploring a potential career interest. See your counselor for details.

Elms College is offering an Advanced Placement program which allows eligible students to enroll in one three-credit course in the spring semester and receive full college transfer credit to the Elms or another academic institution of their choice. While tuition is waived, students will pay a \$20 registration fee and \$50 technology fee. Registration for the spring semester is Jan. 20. Those interested should see their counselor for more information.

The railroad industry is thriving and railroad companies are looking for qualified workers to fill a variety of positions. The Railroad Engineering Technology Associate Degree program at Gateway Community College (New Haven, Conn.) prepares students for such careers. Contact Rick Halkyard at 203-285-2311 for more information.

### Scholarship information

Students should see their counselor or visit the websites for more information or an application: the Red Pine Scholarship; the Yawkey Scholars Program; the Charitable and Educational Trust of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; the Phillips Scholarship Fund; the Michael Yaskick ADHD Scholarships by Shire; Big Y Scholarship; John F. Kennedy Library Foundation; Skidmore College; Westfield-West Springfield Elks Lodge 1481; Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps; Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants; Ronald McDonald House Charities; Jack Kent Cooke Foundation; American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program; GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program; Henry David Thoreau Foundation; Aspiring Fashion Professional Scholarship; Aspiring Animation Professional Scholarship; Horace Smith Fund; Aspiring Nurse Scholarship; Holyoke Credit Union Scholarship Program; Edward P. Boland Scholarship.

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## Teen book clubs, advisory board to meet

The Agawam Public Library has announced the following new teen programs beginning in January. Registration is not required for any of the programs.

A Book to Movie Club for students in grades 6 through 8 will begin with a showing of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" at 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11. A meeting to discuss the book will take place at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11.

A High School Book Club for

students in grades 9 through 12 will take place from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19. Students are invited to join in a discussion of "The Fault in our Stars" by John Green. Copies of the book will be available for checkout in the Children's Room.

A meeting of the Teen Advisory Board for students in grades 9 through 12 will take place from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20.

A Dream Team Meeting for students in grades 6 through 8 will take place Thursday, Jan. 21, from 4 to 5 p.m. Students are invited to attend and help decide what books and movies the library should buy and what activities to do.

To receive emails on upcoming teen programs, call Pamela at 413-789-1550, ext. 3. For more information, visit [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org). The library is at 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

## BABY'S FIRST CHRISTMAS 2015



*Maisyn Reina Carr*

**February 9, 2015**

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Patrick Williams, Chicopee; Marcia Hill, Lukin, TX



*Arianna Grace Cooper*

**March 21, 2015**

**Parents:** Michael and Michele Cooper, Easthampton

**Grandparents:** Peter and Gina Smus, Feeding Hills

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## Legals

### AGAWAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT December 14, 2015

Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Public Library, Community Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on **Monday January 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.** for all parties interested in the Appeal of Steve Deland-Shibley Court Apartments, who is seeking a Variance in accordance with Section 180-31 to allow for the construction of a new single story building containing

3 handicap-accessible rental units and one handicap-accessible community laundry room. Premises identified as 33 Norman Terrace.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
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Docket No. HD15P2380EA  
Estate of:  
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### Chester S. Lapienski Date of Death: October 31, 2014 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Ann E Lapienski** of Agawam MA.

**Ann E Lapienski** of Agawam MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being

administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
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### Estate of: Debra Lee Roscoe Date of Death: 11/04/2015 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Donna Mas o/w Donna Mass** of Belchertown MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Donna Mas o/w Donna Mass** of Belchertown MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **supervised** administration.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/12/2016.

This is NOT a hear-

ing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 16, 2015

**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate

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Holiday celebration



Wilbraham & Monson Academy students, from left, Tori Zingerelli, Alexa Lafond and Christine Ochola of Agawam perform “Amid the Falling Snow” during the school’s holiday celebration Dec. 11. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY DAVID MILES

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Career Day keynote speaker Dave Ratner talks to students at Agawam Junior High School on Dec. 3. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Junior High students learn about careers

The annual eighth grade Career Day, cosponsored by the West of the River Chamber of Commerce, was held Thursday, Dec. 3, at Agawam Junior High School. There were 26 speakers from a wide range of occupations and vocations invited to speak. The purpose of Career Day is to give the students an opportunity to learn about careers and start formulating ideas as to what they would like to do in the future.

After the reception but prior to Career Day presentations by the guests, a program was held in the auditorium for the students and staff. Alan Rogers, member of the West of the River Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, introduced Mayor Richard Cohen along with guest speaker Dave

Ratner, from Dave’s Pet Food City.

After the program in the auditorium, the students went to their classrooms for three 25-minute sessions by the speakers, which included police chiefs, chefs, engineers, lawyers, pharmacists and sports administrators.

The event was organized by Lindsay Smithies, eighth grade guidance counselor, and Lisa Sheehan, career center administrator, with assistance by the West of the River Chamber of Commerce Education Committee in contacting speakers.

Career days are also held at Agawam High School and have been a regular event for many years.

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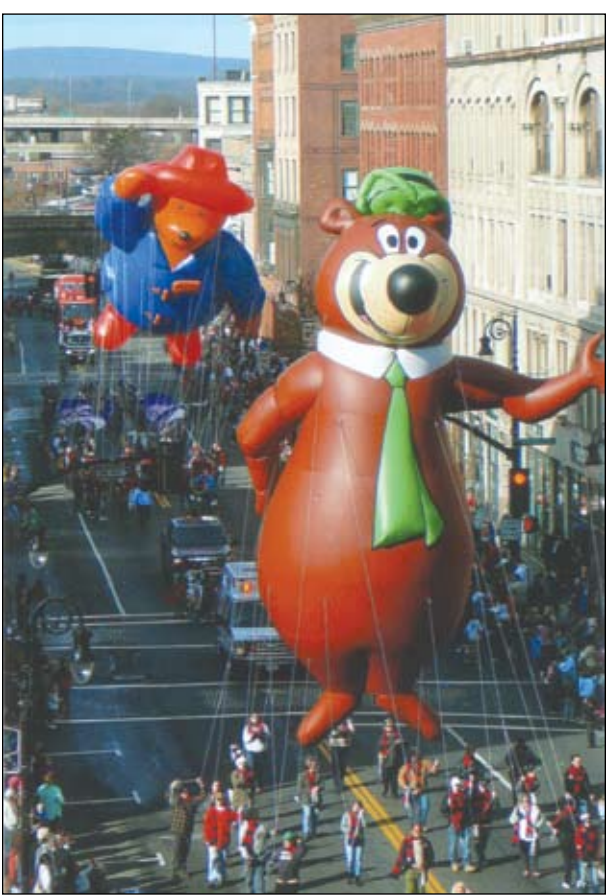
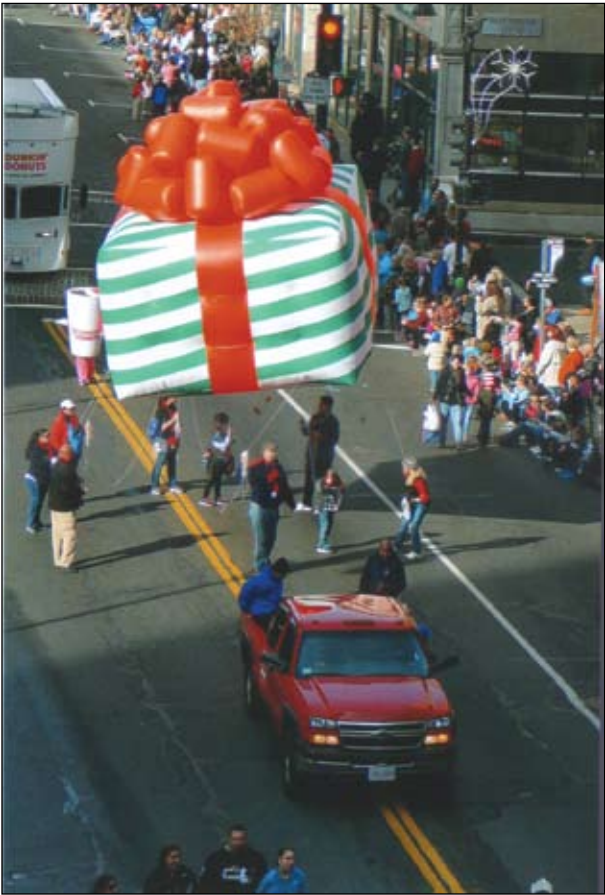
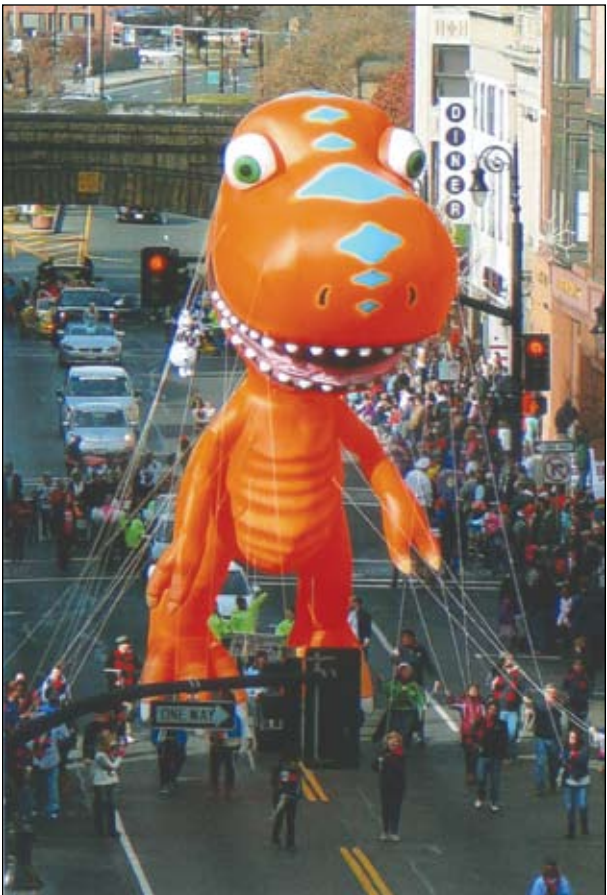
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# Great day for a parade



The Springfield Balloon Parade takes place yearly the day after Thanksgiving on Main Street in downtown Springfield. It was perfect Friday weather this year. Marchers, motorized vehicles and musicians accompany the giant helium balloons. Agawam resident and former art teacher Geraldine Schilling-Nordal captured several images of the parade. The Agawam Advertiser News welcomes photography submissions from local residents at [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com). SUBMITTED PHOTOS BY GERALDINE SCHILLING-NORDAL



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Where in the world ...



State Sen. Don Humason recently brought his copy of the Agawam Advertiser News to the shores of the Dead Sea in Israel, where he was on a trip with a group from his church. This photo was taken on Dec. 4. The Agawam Advertiser News encourages readers to share their photos of travel to interesting and exotic places — email “Where in the World” photos to [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com). SUBMITTED PHOTO

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Ludlow Family Dentistry welcomes Dr. Young

The doctors and staff of Ludlow Family Dentistry take great pleasure in welcoming Timothy J. Young, D.M.D. to their practice.

Dr. Young was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts and was raised in Portland, Maine, where he graduated from Deering High School. While attending high school, Dr. Young developed a deep interest in the healthcare fields that stayed with him through his years at the University of Maine, Orono. While majoring in Zoology, Dr. Young chose to enter the dental field over medicine, and continued his education at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in

Boston. After graduating from Tufts in 1985, Dr. Young returned to Maine working for two years in rural areas of the state. In 1987, Dr. Young came to Enfield, Connecticut, setting up a dental office, where he has practiced for over 28 years.

As a general dentist, Dr. Young has furthered his education in cosmetic dentistry, endodontics (root canal treatments), sleep apnea, and the latest dental technologies. He enjoys the challenges that dentistry presents in providing comprehensive, painless, and individualized dental treatment. Dr. Young also feels that patient

education is a valuable component that allows him to achieve the goals of a beautiful, healthy stable mouth for his patients of all ages.

During his career, Dr. Young has been a member of The American Dental Association, The Connecticut Dental Association, The Hartford Dental society, The Massachusetts Dental Society and The Valley District Dental Society.

Dr. Young has been married for 29 years to his wife, Consuelo and have three children, Sara, Marc and Nora. As well as spending time with family, Dr. Young enjoys many outdoor activities such as running, hiking, skiing, and sailing.



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# SPORTS

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

# D'Amours leads Lady Brownies past Comp

By Nate Rosenthal

*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

CHICOPEE - A year ago, the Agawam girls basketball team won just two games. With a 49-43 win over Chicopee Comp, the Lady Brownies are already halfway to that total in just two games. The team they beat went to the Western Mass. finals for Division 1 and is now 0-2.

Meghan D'Amours dominated this game from start to finish, scoring 21 points. In the first four minutes of the game, she scored in every way. Twenty-five seconds in, she hit a three. Twelve seconds later, she made one of two free throws. After a lull of about 2:00, D'Amours hit a turnaround jumper and a minute after that she scored on a layup.

When Comp finally got their first points with 4:08 to go in the quarter, they did so on a free throw by Ashley Rouleau.

Agawam quickly answered. Eleven seconds after the Rouleau free throw, Jessica Lingenberg scored on a running bright hander. Baskets by Christie Mirski and D'Amours in the next minute made the score, 14-1.

Selenya Gonzalez got Comp's first field goal with 2:27 left and Lingenberg got that back with 30 seconds to go on a short



Agawam's Allison Wheeler (3) goes up for a shot in the paint. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM



Agawam's Jessica Lingenberg (20) tries to take a shot over a defender.

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## WRESTLING

# Agawam pinned down by Putnam

By Gregory A. Scibelli

*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

AGAWAM - It took 106-pound Kyle Ma just 7 seconds to get a pinfall to open up a dual meet at Putnam, but despite the quick start, Agawam was unable to keep up with Putnam's middle weight talent and lost 43-30 last Wednesday night.

Agawam dropped to 2-2 in dual meets for the season as they went 2-1 in their opening action of the season, which also took place at Putnam.

It was a long meet for the Brownies, with several junior varsity matches prior to starting the main set of matches.

Ma scored a very quick take-down against Aijaia Carter and put the match away quickly. Caroline Ortiz then grabbed a forfeit win at 113 pounds, and Jimmy Adams won to make it 18-0 Agawam.

Adams struggled early in the match, but eventually scored the takedown about 30 seconds in. He turned over his opponent, Jonathan Llano, but needed another 20 seconds before getting two shoulders to the mat for the pin.

Things started getting tougher for Agawam from there, as Putnam won the next seven matches.

Daigon Bishop had a very



Kyle Ma wrestles in the 106-pound match. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Jimmy Adams goes for the pin at 120 pounds.

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## HOCKEY

# Early offense tough on young Agawam

By Gregory A. Scibelli

*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

AGAWAM - The Agawam hockey team had the lead early, but their offensive struggled at times later in the game and Max Cocchi's two goals held up as Ludlow defeated Agawam 2-1 last Saturday afternoon at Olympia Ice Center.

The loss dropped Agawam to 1-2, and the Brownies are finding their inexperience is leading to struggles at times.

The Brownies found a new scorer in this matchup.

About 3:00 into the game, Anthony Passerini found Theo Phillips, and Phillips knocked one home to give Agawam a 1-0 lead.

The Brownies, at the time, had the first five shots on goal, and would end up with the first seven shots before Ludlow finally got a legitimate shot on the net.

With 7:38 remaining in the first period, Ludlow was able to break through when Hunter Schinabeck made a pass to the left side. Waiting was Cocchi, who wristed the puck from left to right, getting it past Agawam's backup goalie Nick Askins for the tie.

After the goal, Ludlow spent a lot more time on Agawam's end of the ice, peppering Askins several



Nick Askins corrals the puck. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI.

more times.

But near the end of the first period, Agawam's offense picked back up and made a few clean shots on goal, but Ludlow's Alex Will stopped them all and the teams were knotted 1-1 after one period.

In the second period, both teams would trade opportunities, though Agawam had a few of the best ones with two or three actual breakaways.

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Don Ingham makes a break down the ice.



Billy Schwarz tries to get possession. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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Don Ingham had one of those breaks, but his shot was gloved by Will. Cam Croteau would get the last shot of the second period, but Will trapped it in his chest. It was again Schinabeck and Cocchi who hooked up to make the game-winner happen in the final period. Ludlow's defense also stepped up, as Agawam had no shots in the final period after leading the game in shots over the first two periods. Will finished with 17 saves and Ludlow picked up their first win of the season. Agawam suffered its second loss of the season. The Brownies defeated Westfield in

their second game of the year last weekend, with Preston Kozub helping the Brownies come back from being down 2-0 against rival Westfield. Kozub, Ingham, and Brett Fila all scored goals as the Brownies came back to win 3-1. Connor McAnanama made 28 saves in the victory. The Brownies will have a quick turnaround with their Berry Division rival, getting back to action on Saturday at 6 p.m. against Westfield at Amelia Park Arena. Agawam then faces Shrewsbury in independent action on Monday, Dec. 28 at 12 p.m.

## COLLEGE NEWS

### Rackliffe tabbed ECAC Div. 3 New England All-Star

FRAMINGHAM - Framingham State women's volleyball junior right side Alycia Rackliffe, of Feeding Hills, has been named an Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III New England First Team All-Star. Rackliffe was named MASCAC Player of the Year and is a three-time first team All-MASCAC member. The junior lead the MASCAC in kills (410) and kills per set (4.06). She finished the regular season second in hitting percentage (.331) and blocks per set (0.82) and was tabbed as the conference player of the week four times during the season. Rackliffe was honored as an ECAC Div. III New England Second Team All-Star her sophomore year. The Rams finished the 2015 campaign with a 25-9 record on their way to their second consecutive MASCAC Championship and NCAA Div. III Tournament appearance. Caslin mamed to 2015 GNAC All-Sportsmanship Team BOSTON - The GNAC announced the

2015 women's soccer all-conference team Monday afternoon and the Rams' Caley McCaslin earned a spot all-sportsmanship team. As a senior co-captain, McCaslin spent the entire campaign challenging herself and teammates. She was an exceptional leader even in the teams' most difficult times, helping refocus Suffolk's desire and passion for the game. McCaslin always plays with an aggressiveness, but remains poised and levelheaded. The Feeding Hills native embodies the true definition of a student-athletes and has always exhibited the utmost respect for her teammate, coaches and opponents. Her presence of high level of class and confidence will be greatly missed next year because of her outstanding sportsmanship and example on and off the field. The all-sportsmanship team was established to honor one player from each team in the conference outstanding dedication to sportsmanship and for their portrayal of good sportsmanship, fair play and a positive attitude. Suffolk concluded the 2015 season 4-15 overall and 3-8 in GNAC action.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Balanced attack leads Agawam

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM - The Agawam girls basketball team has come back from an opening night loss to win two straight games. Last Thursday night, the Brownies had four players score in double digits, and their defense limited host Sabais International Charter School to just nine points in the second and third quarters in a 63-30 win. Sabis gave Agawam a lot of trouble early in the game, keeping the pressure on. But Agawam's offense was able to come back, and left the first quarter with a 14-11 lead. The defense was able to make the adjustment from there, with Agawam's outscoring Sabis 10-5 early in second quarter to make the score 24-16 at halftime. After a great defensive outing the third quarter, Agawam's offense was put on display in the final frame. Agawam put up 26 points, getting contributions from nearly their entire roster as they put the game away. Jessica Lingenberg and Bianca Culhane had 11 points each, and Christie Mirski and Meghan D'Amours had 10 points each. Madison Lockwood finished with seven points. Mirski finished with two treys. Agawam also got a nice contribution from Caitlin Normoyle, who made six free throws. The Brownies opened the season with a loss against Hampshire Regional, falling 64-47. The Brownies were outmatched by the Division III team, even though Mirski had a great first outing of the season with 25

points. She had six treys in the game and led all scorers. Unfortunately, Hampshire had the more consistent attacked and scored at least 15 points in each frame. Culhane and D'Amours each had six points in the defeat. Agawam's other win this season came against Chicopee Comprehensive. Agawam will be looking for Mirski and the rest of the senior class to lead the offense on the court this season. The big test for Agawam as they move into the bulk of their schedule is whether or not they will be able to defend against the better offenses in the region. The Brownies have a very difficult independent schedule, which they will play until Jan. 19. Agawam will facing West Springfield twice, as well as Holyoke and Northampton. The Brownies league opponents are Ludlow, Westfield, East Longmeadow, and Minnechaug this year. Agawam is senior-heavy with Mirski, Lingenberg, D'Amours, Culhane, and Allison Wheeler leading the team. Junior Sam Stratton and sophomores Normoyle and Lockwood are also on the varsity roster this season. After two games earlier this week, the Lady Brownies will take a week off and will travel to Amherst on Wednesday, Dec. 30 at 7 p.m. Gregory A. Scibelli is a sports correspondent for Turley Publications. He can be reached at gscibelli@turley.com.

## ROUNDUP

# Blue Devils befuddle Brownies

Wheat, Shapovalov grab individual wins in swimming

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM - The Brownies boys basketball team opened the regular season with a convincing win against Commerce, showing what their young team could accomplish. But last Wednesday night, Agawam ran into a tough opponent, falling to Northampton 65-50 on the road. The key was the first half for Northampton, as they outscored Agawam 39-23. Northampton's offense did a great job in transition and created a lot of extra opportunities on the boards. Agawam had a bit more trouble shooting than they did in the first game, and their mistakes were capitalized on by the Blue Devils. Myles Scott finished the game with 11 points, and Sean Moore and Joe Moccio had 10 points each. Moccio had three treys and Mike Destefano added two. Meesha Ohradka also had nine points in the defeat. The Brownies were also scheduled to play last Monday night at home against East Longmeadow. But in a strange turn of events, the power went out at Agawam High School. The game was suspended and will be replayed at a future date that has not been scheduled yet. After hosting Westfield earlier this week, Agawam faces Central on Tuesday night at 7 p.m. Boys Swimming The boys swimming team has opened

the regular season with an 0-2 record, losing against Longmeadow and Northampton. Last Tuesday afternoon, the Brownies were beat by Northampton 117-63. Agawam only got a few wins in events, with John Wheat winning for the Brownies in the 200-yard freestyle and Victor Shapovalov winning the one-meter diving event. The Brownies faced Westfield earlier this week and will be on holiday break until Jan. 5 when they face Amherst. Girls Swimming The girls swimming team is also out to an 0-2 start, with losses against Longmeadow and Northampton. The Brownies lost to Northampton 119-60 last week. The Brownies captured wins in the 200-yard individual relay as well as the 100-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke. In both individual events, Sophia Pearson picked up the wins, winning the freestyle in 58.25 seconds, and the backstroke in 1:08.66. Agawam faces Amherst Jan. 5. Indoor Track The girls indoor track team is off to a tough start with a 1-3 record. The latest meet was held last Tuesday with Agawam losing to Westfield 67-28. The Brownies are now off for the holiday weeks and do not get back into action until Jan. 8 against Chicopee. The boys have struggled even more, and have an 0-4 record after losing against Westfield last week. They were narrowly defeated 50-40 against the Bombers.

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# Sports

## D'AMOUR ■ from page 12

jumper. In the first quarter, D'Amours had 10 points

Gonzalez scored for Comp to start the second and D'Amours answered 20 seconds later. The teams traded points over the next 2:30 starting with a free throw by Bianca Culhane to make it 19-5. Maddy Lockwood a basket with 2:58 to play to leave it 23-10. Two baskets by Kathy Jaracz and two free throws by Rouleau made it a seven-point game at the half.

Molly Willette hit a three a 1:30 in and Jaracz scored one from the line to cut the Agawam lead to three. Lingenberg ended what had become a 10-point run with almost 3:00 gone in the third. Sam Spagnoli brought it back to three, but D'Amours came through with the next four points. two free throws and a basket to make it an eight point game at 30-22. When Allison Wheeler made a free throw with 17.8 seconds in the third, the lead was nine. Gonzalez beat the buzzer and Comp was back to seven. But they did not gain anything in that eight-minute quarter.

As she had to start the third, Willette hit a three, this time 14 seconds in. Jaracz hit a free throw and then after she missed, Comp rebounded. She followed up on a missed shot and scored. It was 33-32 with 7:14 to play. That would be as close as the Colts would get.

Over the next 4:00, the Brownies scored seven points. They went to the line three times with Lingenberg and Wheeler and they scored three points. The big blow came with 3:20 to go, when Mirski hit a three. It was 39-32.

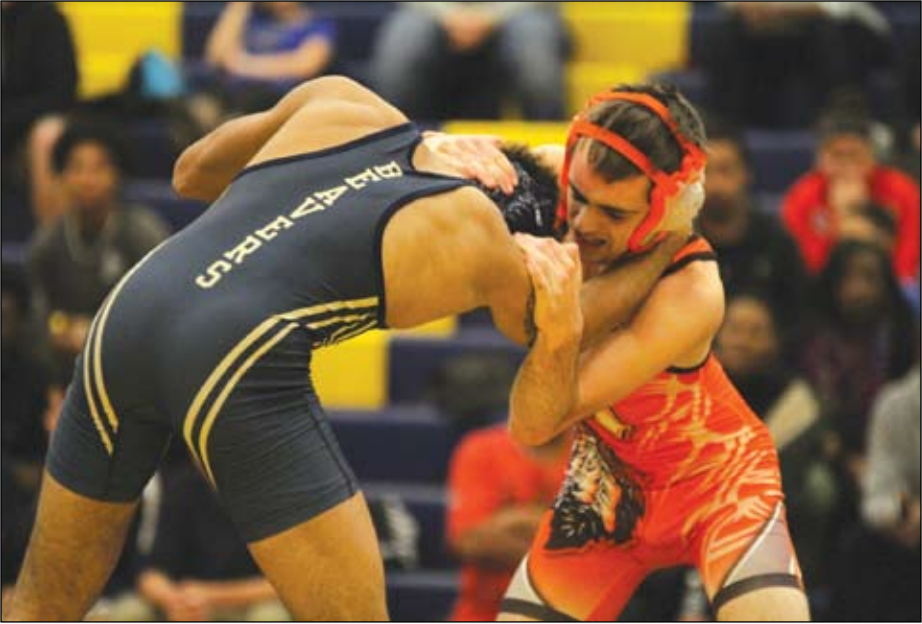


Agawam's Meghan D'Amours (22) pushes off a shot around a defender. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

The Colts made another run, scoring 11 of 17 points to close to two with 39.6 seconds left. Rouleau and Jenna herd scored then D'Amours, Wheeler and Culhane answered. A Willette three, a turnaround by Alicia Lacosse and a layup by Spagnoli got it to 45-43. D'Amours came through again to make it a four-point game and Mirski made two free throws to put it away.

After D'Amours 21, Lingenberg had nine and Mirski, seven. With just nine players in uniform and six getting at least a point, the Brownies prevailed.

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Daigon Bishop grapples with Ruben Martori at 138 pounds. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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tough match at 138 pounds. He was tackled by Ruben Martori early in the matchup and almost had the pin early, but Bishop was able to turn over. However, he trailed 5-0.

Bishop was finally able to work his way out and scored a reverse with little time left in the first period. But with 3 seconds left, Martori got another reserve and had a 7-5 lead.

Martori got an escape in the second period, and that would be the last of the scoring as nothing else worked for Bishop in the final 3:00 of the match for 8-5 decision loss.

At 182 pounds, David Rodriguez, who is new to the weight class, suffered a tough defeat against Demetrious Faust.

Both competitors countered each other before Faust scored the first takedown. Rodriguez received a penalty point near the end of the period and trailed 5-1. In the up position, Rodriguez managed to grab a nearfall to close his gap to 5-4, but Faust scored a reversal and got the pinfall with 24 seconds remaining in the second period. The loss put Putnam up 40-18.

Spencer Kozlak grabbed a win at 195

pounds, with an easy takedown and pin coming near the end of the first period.

Tavon Brooks was also a winner at the heavyweight position. He scored a second period pin, countering for a takedown and then controlling the rest of the matchup against Jonathan Argueta.

Coach Armando Ramos said Putnam, which was an excellent Division III team, has a lot of talented wrestlers throughout their lineup, and Agawam still has a lot of inexperience in its lineup.

"They (Putnam) are definitely tough in the middle weights," said Ramos. "We were hoping we could weather the storm."

Ramos said many of his wrestlers are still learning and he is hoping they will be getting more wins later in the season.

Agawam is off this week and returns to action when it hosts the Phil Tomkiel Holiday Tournament at Agawam High School beginning at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29.

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### Friday, Jan. 8

THE ACC APPLAUSE SERIES starts the new year with a presentation of local phenomena by Agawam Paranormal at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. Free and open to the public. For more information on Applause, visit [www.agawamcc.org](http://www.agawamcc.org).

SECOND ANNUAL SCOUTING ALUMNI REUNION hosted by the Boy and Girl Scout units of Southwick, Granville and Tolland 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. All former Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Explorers, Scouters and other adult volunteers are invited. RSVP by emailing [alumni@wmascouting.org](mailto:alumni@wmascouting.org) or calling Alicia Garcia at 413-594-9196, ext. 7031. There is no cost to attend, and guests are invited to bring Scouting memorabilia or pictures to share.

### Sunday, Jan. 10

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., West Springfield. A special coin topic to be presented and discussed. Refreshments available. Guests welcome. For more information, call Peter Setian at 413-596-9871.

### Wednesday, Jan. 13

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam, offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at

a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

### Tuesday, Feb. 2

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST TUESDAY MORNING MUSIC CONCERT, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield, will feature the Devine-Nix Duo at 10:30 a.m. Reception to follow. For more information, call Yolanda Martin at 413-736-0766 or email [firgo9654@aol.com](mailto:firgo9654@aol.com).

### Friday, Feb. 12

DAN JONES, EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES column "Modern Love," will share his stories and read from his books at 10:10 a.m. the 11:15 a.m. at Scibelli Hall at STCC as part of its free Ovations series. For more information, call 413-755-4233 or email [pcodonoghue@stcc.edu](mailto:pcodonoghue@stcc.edu).

### ONGOING

GRANDPARENT'S PLAYGROUP Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. This free infant and toddler playgroup features music and movement, fostering children's interactions and sharing skills. Open to all grandparents and their grandchildren. Follows school schedule.

MOM 2 MOM takes place the second Tuesday of every month October through June, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. A roundtable discussion hosted by a local "veteran" mom, this is a great way to have further conversation on recent café themes and parent education events, celebrate parenting and receive encouragement for the trials.

THE AGAWAM ST. PATRICK COMMITTEE meets the third Wednesday of each month, September through June, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Rectory conference room, 833 Main St., Agawam. For information on how to join, call Vera Conway at 413-786-3247 or email Rosemary Sandline at [rosemarysandlin@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarysandlin@gmail.com).

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ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. No registration needed.

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers "Crochet Club" every other Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This club is open to all needle-workers, including crocheters, knitters, quilters, and embroiderers. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

THE LADIES GLEE CLUB AND MEN'S CHOIR at the Springfield Turnverein, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, are back to work. Practice is held every Wednesday with the ladies beginning at 7 p.m. followed by the men at 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. There is space available for anyone interested in joining.

A BREAST CANCER AND MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6

to 7:15 p.m. at 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at [www.survivorjourneys.org](http://www.survivorjourneys.org).

AN ALL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at [www.survivorjourneys.org](http://www.survivorjourneys.org).

A BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets the second Wednesday of each month at Heritage Woods Assisted Facility, 462 Main St., Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at [www.survivorjourneys.org](http://www.survivorjourneys.org).

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## Agawam Senior Center

### Lunch Menu

**Monday, Dec. 28:** Sweet and sour chicken over rice, broccoli, bananas.  
**Tuesday, Dec. 29:** Roast loin of pork, roasted potatoes and carrots, applesauce.  
**Wednesday, Dec. 30:** Stuffed pepper, mashed potatoes, corn, baked good.  
**Thursday, Dec. 31:** Chicken pot pie, mixed vegetables, puff pastry, garden salad, pudding.  
**Friday, Jan. 1:** Happy New Year. Senior Center closed.

### Calendar of Events

**Monday, Dec. 28:** 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., line

dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., bingo; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.  
**Tuesday, Dec. 29:** 9 a.m., no exercise, knitting class, sewing class; 12:30 p.m., mah jongg, movie ("Holiday Inn"); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 4:30 p.m., yoga; 6 p.m., beginner line dance.  
**Wednesday, Dec. 30:** 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble; no Golden Age Club meeting; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.  
**Thursday, Dec. 31:** no exercise, no quilting; 10 a.m. line dancing; 12:30 p.m., bridge, 1 p.m., pitch; 6:30 p.m., pitch, evening line dance.  
**Friday, Jan. 1:** Happy New Year. Senior Center closed.

# Church Directory

### AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

745 Main St., Agawam  
786-7111  
Pastor: Rev. Greg E. Dawson  
[office@AgawamCong.com](mailto:office@AgawamCong.com)  
[www.agawamcongregationalchurch.com](http://www.agawamcongregationalchurch.com)

SUNDAY SERVICES at 10 a.m.  
Communion on the first Sunday of the month  
Church school is in session and fellowship coffee hour follows the service.  
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### AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

459 Mill St., Feeding Hills  
413-786-4174  
Pastor: Ken Blanchard  
[agawamumc@gmail.com](mailto:agawamumc@gmail.com)  
[www.agawamworship.org](http://www.agawamworship.org)

WORSHIP SERVICES  
Sunday 10 a.m.  
Holy Communion served 1st and 3rd Sundays.  
Coffee hour after worship; Bible Study after fellowship.  
Prepare Meal for Samaritan Inn Homeless Shelter 2nd Saturdays 2-5 p.m.  
Offsite Worship:  
Heritage East, 1st Mondays, 11 a.m.  
Heritage North, 1st Tuesdays, 11 a.m.  
Heritage Woods, 1st Mondays, 11 a.m.  
Country Estates, 2nd and 5th Thursdays, 11 a.m.

### BETHANY ASSEMBLY OF GOD

580 Main St., Agawam  
(413) 789-2930  
[www.bethany-ag.org](http://www.bethany-ag.org)  
Senior Pastor: Rev. Richard E. Adams  
WORSHIP SERVICES  
Sunday 9am & 10:45am  
Christian Education offered during both services.  
Nightlife Contemporary Service: Sunday 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.

### CHURCH OF REDEMPTION

50 Maple St., Agawam  
(413) 304-2313  
[churchor.org](http://churchor.org)

WORSHIP SERVICES  
Summer Schedule  
Sunday Services, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
Sunday school for children and nursery for younger children

### FAITH BIBLE CHURCH

370 Shoemaker Lane  
Agawam  
(413) 786-1681  
[jesussaves.7@comcast.net](mailto:jesussaves.7@comcast.net)  
Church Website: [www.faithbible-church.org](http://www.faithbible-church.org)  
Pastor: Rick Donofrio

### SERVICES

Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.  
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Wednesday Night Prayer  
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Pastor: The Rev. Robert C. Donaldson

### SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

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Worship Service 10 a.m.  
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### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF AGAWAM

760 Main St., Agawam  
[churchedie@comcast.net](mailto:churchedie@comcast.net)  
[www.firstbaptistagawam.org](http://www.firstbaptistagawam.org)  
Pastor: Rev. George Thomson

SUNDAY SERVICES  
Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School (grades K - 5)  
following Children's Message until 10:45  
Youth Group meets at 11 a.m.  
Coffee & Conversation following  
worship service

### HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

152 South Westfield St.  
Feeding Hills  
789-2026

SUNDAY SERVICES  
Men's & Women's Bible Study Groups and  
Children's Sunday School Worship Service at 10 a.m. Children's Church for age 3 to high school takes place after the service. Nursery available for younger children. A time for fellowship after the service.

### LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Email: [office@lighthouseema.com](mailto:office@lighthouseema.com)  
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Saturday evening Prayer from 5 - 5:45 PM  
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### MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH

522 Springfield St., Feeding Hills  
Feeding Hills, MA  
478-9484  
David L. Short, Pastor

Sunday Family Bible Study Hour, 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Service, 11 a.m.  
Sunday Night Service, 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 7 p.m.

### SACRED HEART CHURCH

1103 Springfield St., Feeding Hills  
(413) 786-8200  
[www.SacredHeartFeedingHills.org](http://www.SacredHeartFeedingHills.org)  
Fr. Steven Amo

### WEEKLY SERVICES

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Sunday, 7:15 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m.  
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Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday,  
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.  
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### ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rector: The Rev. Dr. Harvey Hill  
699 Springfield St.  
Feeding Hills  
(413) 786-6133  
[saintdavid@comcast.net](mailto:saintdavid@comcast.net)  
[www.stdavidsgawam.org](http://www.stdavidsgawam.org)

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday 8 a.m. Rite I and Holy Eucharist  
10 a.m. Rite II and Holy Eucharist  
Sunday school and Nursery during 10 a.m. service  
Coffee hour following the 10 a.m. service  
Handicap Accessible

### OFFSITE WORSHIP

Church without Walls, 2nd Sunday of the month at 12 p.m. at  
Parish Pantry, West Springfield  
Holy Eucharist and distribution of bag lunches

### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

823 Main St., Agawam  
786-8105  
[info@stjohnnevanglistchurch.org](mailto:info@stjohnnevanglistchurch.org)  
[www.stjohnagawam.org](http://www.stjohnagawam.org)

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturdays: 5 p.m. Sundays: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
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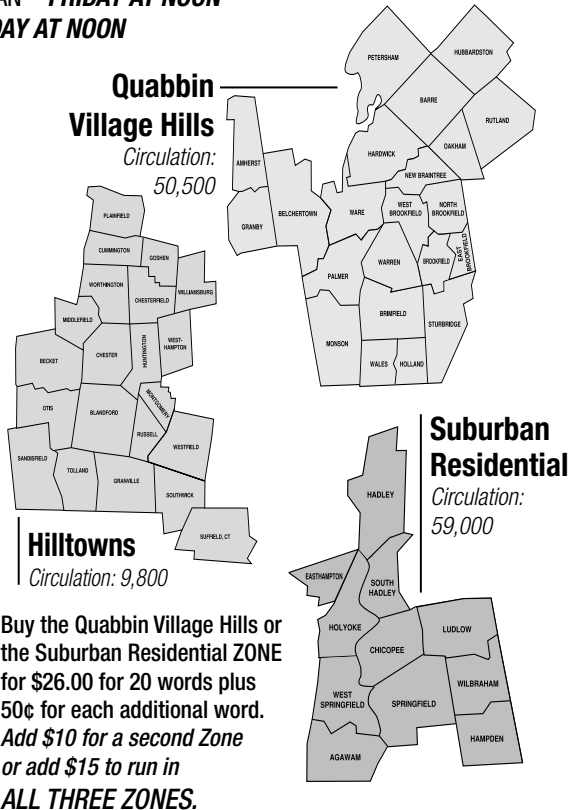
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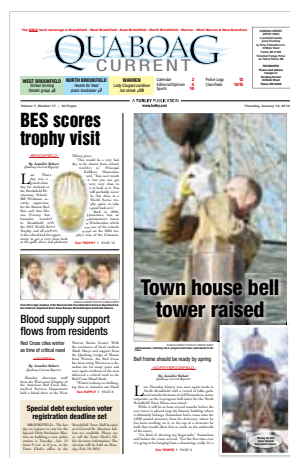
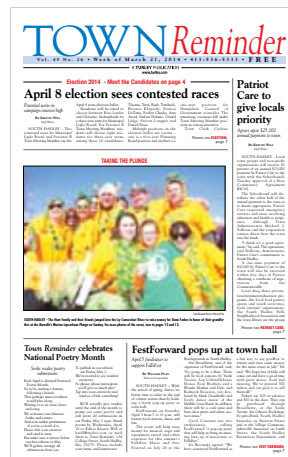
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# Our Town

# Travelers hear Glenn Miller holiday show



**Natalie Angst sings with the Glenn Miller Band.**

PLAINVILLE, Conn. — There were two tours from the area that traveled to the Aqua Turf in Plainville, Conn., to hear the popular traveling Glenn Miller Swing Band show, "In the Christmas Mood." One was organized by George and Judy Wheeler from the American Inn in Southwick. The other

tour was organized by Art and Rosemarie Usher from the Agawam Senior Center. Art is retiring from travel planning, so this was the last one for him as "leader of the pack."

A nice meal was had by 800-plus in attendance and in addition to listening, those in attendance could

also dance to many of the band's selections, including "String of Pearls," "Moonlight Serenade" and "Tuxedo Junction."

Former Agawam teacher Geraldine Schilling-Nordal, who taught Judy (Beebe) Wheeler, was on hand to take these photographs.



**The Glenn Miller Band performs in Plainville, Conn.** SUBMITTED PHOTOS BY GERALDINE SCHILLING-NORDAL



**Theresa and Rudolph Charkiewicz of Agawam.**



**Geraldine and Reidar Nordal of Agawam.**



**Judy and George Wheeler of Southwick.**



**John and Kathy McKenna of Agawam.**

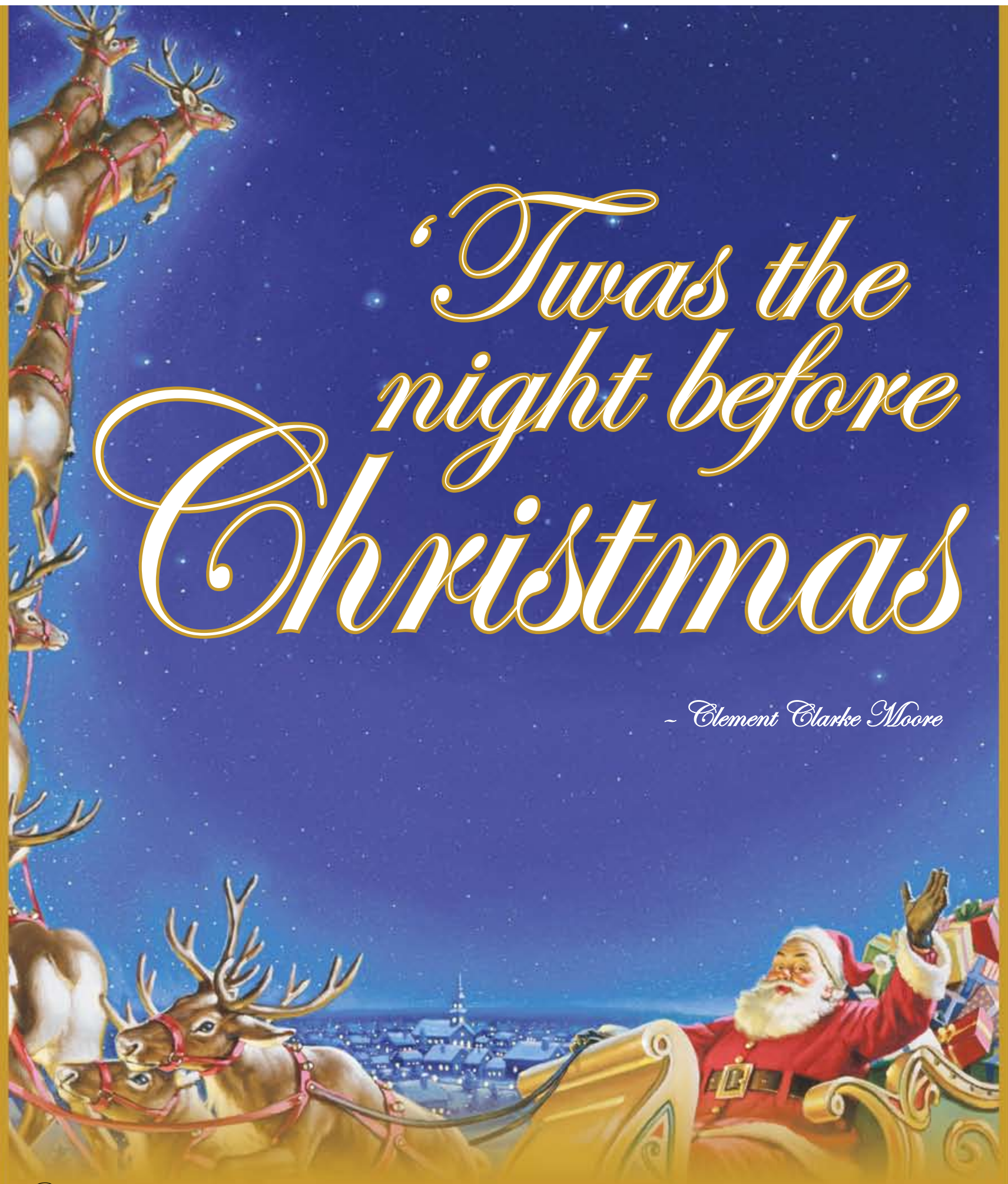


**Art and Rosemarie Usher of Agawam at the Glenn Miller Swing Band show earlier this month.**

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# 'Twas the night before Christmas

~ Clement Clarke Moore

*T*was the night before Christmas,  
when all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.  
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
In hopes that St Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads.  
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,  
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow  
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below.  
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,  
I knew in a moment it must be St Nick.  
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,  
And he whistled, and shouted, and called  
them by name!

"Now DASHER! now, DANCER!  
Now, PRANCER and VIXEN!  
On, COMET! On, CUPID!  
On, DONNER and BLITZEN!  
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!  
Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!"  
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,  
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky.  
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,  
With the sleigh full of Toys, and St Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof  
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.  
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,  
Down the chimney St Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,  
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.  
A bundle of Toys he had flung on his back,  
And he looked like a peddler, just opening his pack.

His eyes-how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!  
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!  
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,  
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,  
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath.  
He had a broad face and a little round belly,  
That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly!

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,  
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself!  
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,  
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,  
And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk.  
And laying his finger aside of his nose,  
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose!

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,  
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.  
But I heard him exclaim, 'ere he drove out of sight,  
*"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"*

*Merry  
Christmas!*